

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~mineral-absorption-enhancing method of treating mineral deficiency in a subject in need thereof, which comprises comprising:~~
administering to said subject an effective amount of a green coffee bean extract.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~A mineral-absorption-enhancing~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the mineral is at least one selected from the group consisting of iron, zinc, calcium, and magnesium and mixtures thereof.
3. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein absorption of a mineral existing in food is increased in said subject.
4. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein absorption of a mineral existing in a pharmaceutical composition is increased in said subject.
5. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein a disease due to mineral deficiency is prevented.
6. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said green coffee bean extract is obtained by extracting seeds of *Coffea arabica* LINNE with hot water.
7. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the green coffee bean extract contains about 25 wt.% to about 70 wt.% of a mixture of chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and

ferulic acid, or of a mixture of chlorogenic acid and chlorogenic acid homologues calculated on the basis of chlorogenic acids.

8. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said green coffee bean extract comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of chlorogenic acid, neochlorogenic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid, isochlorogenic acid, furuloyl quinic acid, feruloyl caffeoyl quinic acid and mixtures thereof.

9. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said green coffee bean extract comprises chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and ferulic acid and is in the form of a dry solid, or in the form of a composition containing the green coffee bean extract and a diluent or a carrier.

10. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein said diluent or carrier are solid or liquid.

11. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein said composition is a liquid, an emulsion, a paste, a powder or a granule.

12. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said green coffee bean extract is in the form of a beverage; a liquid food, a milky or paste food, a semi-solid foods, a solid or powdery food or an oil or fat-containing food.

13. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said green coffee bean extract is used alone or in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (New) The method according to claim 4, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in the form of tablets, granules, fine subtilaes, pills, powders, capsules, troches, chewables or a liquid.

15. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said green coffee bean extract is in the form of a composition containing from 0.01 wt.% to 100 wt.% of green coffee bean extract as an effective amount.

16. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said green coffee bean extract is in the form of a composition containing from 0.1 wt.% to 50 wt.% of green coffee bean extract as an effective amount.

17. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein an effective administration amount is daily intake of from 0.01 to 100 g per 60 kg of body weight.

18. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein an effective administration amount is daily intake of from 0.05 to 10 g per 60 kg of body weight.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended as supported by the specification as originally filed.

New Claims 3-18 have been added.

New Claim 3 is supported at page 5, 2nd full paragraph of the specification.

New Claims 4 and 5 are supported at page 6, lines 4-7, of the specification.

New Claim 6 is supported at page 6, last paragraph of the specification.

New Claim 7 is supported at page 7, 1st paragraph of the specification.

New Claim 8 is supported at page 7, 1st paragraph of the specification.

New Claims 9-11 are supported at page 8, 1st paragraph of the specification.

New Claim 12 is supported at page 8, 2nd paragraph of the specification.

New Claims 13 and 14 are supported at page 8, last paragraph of the specification.

New Claims 15-18 are supported at page 9, 1st full paragraph of the specification.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-18 will now be active in this application.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Tate for the helpful and courteous discussion with Applicants' Representative on August 11, 2005. During this discussion it was noted that Claim 1 as amended appears to overcome the prior art of record.